

COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~MAY 6, 2021~

Sterling Lidl Grocery Store Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening May 12th



Loudoun's newest Lidl discount grocery store is coming to Sterling!

Lidl will replace the former Shoppers grocery store at the Sugarland Crossing Shopping Center along Route 7 in Sterling (47100 Community Plaza). This location is the third Lidl in Loudoun County, with two other locations in Ashburn, and another in the works for the South Riding/Chantilly area.

A ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony with Loudoun Economic Development and the Board of

Supervisors will take place on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 am. Lidl gift cards will be provided to the first 100 shoppers.

Assistance & Donations for Families Impacted by the Chase Heritage Apartments Fire

Women Giving Back is collecting clothes, toiletries, and other items to assist families impacted by the fire at the Chase Heritage Apartments.

Donors can drop off clothes to Women Giving Back this **Saturday**, **May 8**th **between 9:00 am 11:00 am** at 20 Export Drive, Sterling, VA. There is a high need for in-season,



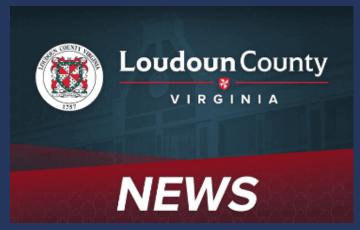
good condition children's clothing and shoes, as well as men's casual clothing. WGB will also collect new toiletries at that time, which will be distributed to the families, as well as supplies for kids snack packs and easily prepared meals.

WGB's next public donation date is on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>May 15th from 9:30am</u> to <u>12:00 pm</u> for community members who wish to donate at a later date.

Additionally, New Virginia Majority has established a GoFundMe page to collect monetary donations for those impacted by the fire. Funds raised will be distributed directly to families to use for their needs in the coming weeks, including food, clothes, and rent in their new homes. Please consider donating at the link below!

Donate Today

Health Director Provides COVID-19 Update



Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on COVID-19 during the Board's May 4, 2021, business meeting.

Some key points:

• Loudoun is headed in the right direction. The rate of

cases, hospitalizations and deaths are down; the goal is to get them to zero to stop community transmission and to prevent more hospitalizations and deaths.

- The vaccination effort is going well. Loudoun County residents overall have been receptive to getting vaccinated. The county continues to try to lower any barriers that exist to people getting vaccinated, whether it is at the county's clinic at Dulles Town Center or in the community.
- Anyone who is eligible and is not yet vaccinated is encouraged to <u>schedule a vaccination appointment now</u> with the Loudoun County Health Department.
- The county is preparing for the expected lowering of the minimum age for the Pfizer vaccine to age 12 and is working closely with Loudoun County Public Schools to be prepared to vaccinate younger students as quickly as possible.
- More pharmacies now have the main three COVID-19 vaccines and are offering appointments. Information is available at vaccinefinder.org.

Watch the Archived Video of Dr. Goodfriend's Update

COVID-19 Testing Continues Next Week

The next Loudoun County-COVID-19 sponsored testing event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 10:00 am. - 1:00 **p.m.**, at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)

COVID-19 TESTING

Multiple Locations May 2021

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

More information, including

the complete schedule of testing events in May and links to required registration be filled out ahead time, that can mav at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

Other May testing events include:

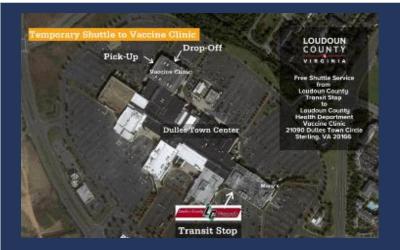
Tuesday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls
- (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)

Tuesday, May 25, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

• Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

REMINDER: Shuttle Service from Loudoun County Transit Stop at Dulles Town Center to **Loudoun County Vaccination Site at Dulles Town Center**



In an effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations, Loudoun County has launched a free shuttle service between the Loudoun County Transit bus stop at Dulles Town Center and the county's vaccination site located at the other end of the shopping mall.

The shuttle, operated by

the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, is running continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day the vaccination site is open. Anyone who has an appointment scheduled at the Health Department's vaccination clinic and arrives via Loudoun County Transit is encouraged to ride the shuttle.

To get to the vaccination site on a <u>Loudoun County Transit Local Bus</u>, riders may choose from Routes 62, 70, 81, 82 or 84, which serve the Dulles Town Center. Fares for the local bus are \$1 each way.

The shuttle service will help eliminate mobility barriers to vaccination for people who rely on public transportation and may have difficulty walking long distances.

Opportunity to Serve: Member Sought for Loudoun Board of Zoning Appeals Are you a Loudoun County resident who is interested in zoning? Loudoun County is seeking applicants to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). There is one opening for an alternate member whose term would begin immediately upon appointment by the Loudoun County Circuit Court.



The duties of the BZA include hearing and deciding:

- Appeals of administrative decisions and notices of violations made in accordance with the zoning ordinance;
- Applications for variances as authorized by the zoning ordinance;
- Appeals from the decisions of the Loudoun County Zoning Administrator regarding interpretation of the zoning map where there is uncertainty as to the location of a zoning district boundary; and
- Applications for special exceptions when buildings or structures have inadvertently encroached into a yard or setback.

The BZA has five members and two alternates who are appointed by the chief judge of the Loudoun County Circuit Court for staggered terms of five years. BZA members must be residents of Loudoun County.

The BZA meets approximately once a month for a public hearing.

The deadline to apply for a seat on the BZA is May 31, 2021. More information, including a link to the online application form, is available at loudoun.gov/bza.

Free Webinar on Assistive Technology for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Persons



The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is hosting a free webinar on current assistive technology devices to assist persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. The virtual presentation will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

Debbie Jones of the

Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons will discuss and demonstrate assistive technology devices, including:

- Amplified telephones, captioned telephones and videophones for the home
- Apps to bring those functions to smartphones
- Doorbells that flash lights or send signals to hand-held devices
- Alarm clocks that shake the bed
- Listening systems and captioning devices in movie theaters
- Live-captioning and remote-interpreting services in classrooms and meeting rooms

To register, email <u>aaasupport@loudoun.gov</u>. Registrants will receive a confirmation email with a link to join the webinar.

For more information about the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons, visit nvrc.org.

LCWAG Survey

A new survey from the Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls seeks to understand how the pandemic has impacted women in our community.

All women ages 18 years and older who reside in



Loudoun County are invited to take <u>this brief survey</u>. The survey deadline is 5:00 pm on Friday, May 21st.

LCWAG promotes leadership development and builds a healthy community for Loudoun's women and girls through education, empowerment, and collaboration. As a component fund of the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties, LCWAG is independently funded through private donations.

Take the Survey Today

County Debuts "Live and Wired" on May 8th



"Live and Wired" will be livestreamed beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021. The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community hostina Services is the concert to provide opportunity for local middle and high school teens to perform on a professional platform.

The event will be livestreamed from the <u>Franklin Park Art's Center YouTube</u> <u>channel</u>.

To foster a concert-like experience for the artists and virtual audience, 20 acts will perform over several hours in two areas of the Arts Center, featuring bands, acoustic and solo acts.

Tickets cost \$3 and can be <u>purchased through ThunderTix</u>.

Loudoun Board of Supervisors to Hold Transit Summit May 25

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Transit Summit for Tuesday, May 25, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The summit is intended to provide Board members with a dedicated opportunity to discuss transit issues, one of the Board's strategic focus areas.

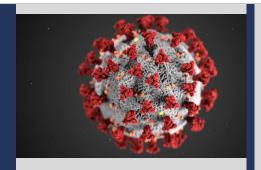


Representatives of the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure will provide the Board with updates on several topics, including:

- The opening of the Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 in Loudoun County, which will include a briefing from Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority General Manager Paul Wiedefeld.
- Comments on transit-related matters from several advisory boards, including the Commission on Aging, the Disability Services Board, the Loudoun Health Commission and the Transit Advisory Board.
- Findings from the Unmet Transit Needs of Seniors and Disabled Residents Study.
- Overview of the Loudoun County Transit route design and modification process to illustrate how transit routes are created to better meet community needs.
- Results of a study to identify strategies for the best use for the county's park and ride lots as Metrorail extends into Loudoun County.

Get More Info

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering (see requirements)
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con LCCOVIDESP al 88877
 7 para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

coughing or sneezing.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid nonessential travel.

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